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<u>CUP LINERS</u>

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1. (original) Apparatus for manipulating a teat cup
assembly used for milking a domestic animal, the teat cup
assembly including a shell and a resilient liner adapted to
receive the animal's teat, the liner being capable of extending
5   through the shell while being retained by the shell, the
apparatus comprising a frame, a fixture mounted on the frame, the
fixture being sized and shaped for receiving and holding the
shell having the liner ~~retained~~ therein, and a mechanical puller
~~disposed~~ mounted on the frame relative to the fixture to grip and
10   pull the liner and move the liner and shell relative to each
other to stretch the liner to a position in which the liner is
capable of being at least one of installed on and removed from
the teat cup, and a switch for initiating operation of the
mechanical puller.